ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 50 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-49-12

Commercial salmon fishing will be extended <u>until further notice</u> in the following areas:

- The Southeast, Southwest, Northwest, and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District.

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishery from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19 in the following areas:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District; and;
- The Hallo Bay and Big River sections of the Mainland District.

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday**, **August 17 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday**, **August 19** in the following areas:

- The Inner Ugak, Outer Ugak, Sitkalidak, and Seven Rivers sections of the Eastside Kodiak District:
- The remainder of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** south of a latitude of Cape Hepburn (56° 57.5 N. lat); and
- The **Dakavak Bay Section** of the **Mainland District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be <u>increased</u> for <u>57-hours</u> from noon Friday, August 17 until 9:00 p.m. Sunday August 19 in Kiliuda Bay to those waters north and west of a line from Left Cape, at 57° 15.62' N. lat., 152° 56.47' W. long. to Outer Right Cape at 57° 16.0' N. lat., 152° 49.0' W. long.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 16**:

- The Outer Kitoi Bay Section of the Afognak District; and
- The Outer Kukak Bay Section of the Mainland District.

The following areas will remain **open until further notice**:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Zachar Bay section will remain closed);
- The Northeast Kodiak District;
- The **Duck** and **Izhut Bay sections** of the **Afognak District**; and
- In **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** north of a latitude of Cape Hepburn (56° 57.5 N. lat).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters in **Deadman Bay** are <u>reduced</u> until further notice to those waters within 500 yards of salmon streams #257-502, 257-503 and 257-504.

Closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.